

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action of January 10, 2007, claims 1-6, 9-17, 20-22, 25-29 were rejected. Claims 7, 8, 18, 19, 23, and 24 were listed as objected to by the Examiner. With this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 12, 21, 22, and 27-29 are amended, claims 7 and 18 are canceled, and no claims are added. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-29 are at issue.

I. Objection To Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 10, 12, 22, and 27 for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that those informalities are corrected with this Amendment.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-12, 15-17, 20-22, 25, 26, 28, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gwon (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0016655). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments. The Examiner indicated that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicant adds the limitations directed to the allowable subject matter of claim 7 to the independent claims 1, 10, 12, 21, 22, and 27-29. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10, 12, 21, 22, and 27-29 are allowable. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn. Claims 2-9, 11, 13-20, and 23-26 depend from claims 1, 12, 21, 22, and 27-29, respectively, and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 2, 3, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gwon in view of Ishiyama et al. (U.S. Patent. No. 6,973,506). Claim 27 was rejected under 35


U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gwon. Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in view of the present Amendment.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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